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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Laws of England**, being a complete statement of the whole law of England, by the Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; '85-'86, '86-'92 and '92-'05. Volume IV, containing "Carriers" to "Commons," inclusive. London: Butterworth & Co. Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Lawyers' Co-Operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y.. Sole Agents for the United States. 1909. Price \$7.50, net.

The fourth volume of this great work contains the important subjects of "Carriers," "Charities," "Choses in Actions," "Clubs and Commons and Rights of Commons." No volume so far published can prove of more use and value to the American lawyer as a convenient source of complete and accurate information upon these important topics of the law. The article upon "Carriers" will prove of peculiar interest in view of the agitation which has lately been going on in the United States in regard to the control of railway corporations. The English parliament began to take up this matter much sooner than the United States. That body began to take action as far back as 1830 and eventually erected the Railway and Canal Traffic Commission—really, it may be said, the parent of our own Interstate Commerce Commission. It becomes apparent to any one who examines these books as they come out that their use is not confined to Great Britain and her colonies. The American lawyer will find the basic principles of our own jurisprudence laid down with succinctness and accuracy, and much of our statute law may be traced back to English models. As an aid to the interpretation of our own common and statute law we have found these volumes invaluable, and we look forward to the issuance of each one of the series with renewing interest.

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**The American and English Annotated Cases**, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English reports. Thoroughly annotated. Edited by Wm. M. McKinney, editor of the Encyclopedia of Pleading and Practice, etc., and David S. Garland, editor of the American and English Encyclopedia of Law, 2nd Edition, and H. Noyes Green, Vol. XI. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., New York. 1908. Price \$5.

Volume eleven of these reports is in no way inferior to its predecessors. The system has already taken the high place to which it is entitled from the care and discrimination shown in the selection of cases and the ability and conscientiousness with which they are annotated. Each case is well annotated and this feature adds to the facility of examination and gives a scope of research which is not found in any other system. A digest of the first ten volumes accompanies this number and an examination of its contents convinces even the chance examiner that the editors have rendered a valuable service to the profession which must increase with each succeeding volume.